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NEW CHAMPION

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# Exhibitors Synopsis

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"Knockout" Riley, a capable but unknown heavyweight boxer, rides along in his automobile at a rapid pace, on his way to a distant city, where he is to fight Battling Dugan, the heavyweight champion.

Polly Rand and her fiance, Jack Melville, are out driving that same day. Melville does everything at a swift pace, which is the reason for his engagement to Polly. She is literally swept off her feet by Jack's dashing manner.

Jack is also driving at a terrific pace and at a bad turn he barely escapes running into Riley. The latter turns aside, and is wedged against an old willow. Riley can scarcely resist an impulse to knock Melville down. Melville takes out his purse and pays the fighter for the damage. Then he takes Riley to town.

Bob Nichols, husky young lad, is employed by the village blacksmith to do auto repairing. Bob is more interested in athletics than anything else. Even when lying under a car, he spends a goodly portion of his time in reading the sport papers.

Before driving off with Riley to repair the car, Bob fills the radiator of Melville's car and accidentally overturns the bucket of water which soils Polly's shoes. While he is wiping them with his handkerchief, Melville appears. In a jealous rage he takes a swing at Bob. The latter defends himself skillfully and strikes back only when Melville persists in his attack. Bob's employer fires him on the spot for insulting his customers.

Polly quarrels with Jack while he is taking her home, and she tells him it is all his fault. When he protests she gives him back the engagement ring.

Bob takes Riley to the damaged car and tells him that it will take at least four days to repair it. Riley agrees to stop at Bob's house and do his training there as Bob has a small gym rigged up. On several occasions Bob puts on the gloves with Riley and shows considerable skill. During Riley's stay Bob's younger sister who nurses their mother, an invalid, becomes attached to Riley who also falls in love with her.

As Riley is about to leave, the family doctor informs Bob that his mother must have an operation. Riley tells Bob that he can make enough money as his training partner to pay for this need. On the way Riley races the car. At a sharp turn the car does a summersault and rolls over a cliff. Bob escapes injuries while Riley has his head badly hurt. He tells Bob to assume his name and fight the champion.

Bob takes to severe training while Riley is in the local hospital. While doing some road work Bob chances across Polly, who lives in the vicinity. A friendship soon develops. Melville drives by on an occasion and sees the two together. He makes an attempt to expose Bob as being a mere blacksmith's aid. Riley enters, having walked out of the hospital while his nurse was out of the room. He tells the fight promoters who are present that Melville is a liar, that Bob is "Knockout" Riley, and that he is his manager.

On the day of the fight, Polly attends. In the first round Bob turns to greet her and he is knocked down. He gets to his feet and is floored again, the bell saving him. Riley tells Polly she must leave as Bob will surely lose if she is present, because he pays more attention to her than his opponent.

At the beginning of the second round, a telegram is received telling Bob to come home immediately, as his mother has been operated on and is in a desperate condition. Riley shows Bob his message and Bob fights like a whirlwind, and wins with a knockout. He is then crowned the New Champion.

He meets Polly as he is leaving the arena, she offers him her automobile so that he can speed immediately to his mother's bedside. Polly sits by him as they dash away.

Riley collects \$5,000, the winner's purse, grabs a taxi and sets out in the same direction. Bob arrives to see his mother, and she has a turn for the better.

There is a reunion and Polly, even after she finds out that Bob is not "Knockout" Riley, says that he will be her champion forever more. Riley is accepted by Bob's sister.

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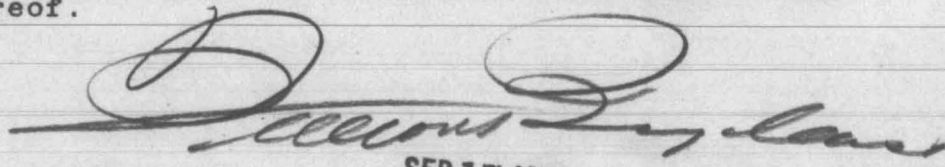
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